

## Senate Resolution 255

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jo Ann Hopkins for saving the life of a first-grade student; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jo Ann Hopkins, a physical education teacher at Thelma Smiley Morris  
4 Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama, had just left a fellow teacher's classroom on  
5 February 4, 2005, when she was alerted by students that first-grader Rashaud Harbison had  
6 swallowed a quarter and was struggling to breathe; and

7 WHEREAS, the school nurse was on the other side of the building at the time of the incident;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, recognizing that the boy was choking, Coach Hopkins immediately and  
10 unhesitatingly performed the Heimlich maneuver until the quarter was expelled; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Hopkins learned the Heimlich maneuver in a first aid class in  
12 Birmingham and has remained prepared to deliver assistance in emergency situations by  
13 maintaining her certification through yearly courses; and

14 WHEREAS, her actions serve as an example to all citizens of the importance of first aid  
15 training and remind us that each trained individual can make a lifesaving difference in a  
16 medical emergency; and

17 WHEREAS, her quick and calm response saved the life of this young student and merits the  
18 highest commendation.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 join in commending the courageous and lifesaving actions of Jo Ann Hopkins and express  
21 their most sincere appreciation to this outstanding teacher for her untiring dedication to the  
22 children of her community.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jo Ann Hopkins.